



Oil pollution in the Mediterranean Sea, off the coast of southern France, August 3, 2004. On this radar image, close to the French Riviera, two different intentional and illegal spills are clearly visible. The older one is distorted by surface currents but is still quite dark; the second one is straighter and is not continuous, which is typical of several bilge water releases. (Data from the SAR instrument on the ENVISAT satellite; copyright ESA 2004.)